Indian Forest Management Institute, Bhopal is not recognised by any All India body and the Institute is not accepting the conditions laid down by the Association of University in this regard; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The question of securing recognition of its two years post Graduate Diploma in Forestry Management by the Association of Indian Universities is under examination of the Indian Institute of Forest Management.

[*English*]

Research to Cure Rabies

6128. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pasteur Institute of Paris and Institute for communicable diseases of USA have shown interest to cooperate in research work to find a cure for rabies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K.THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The National Institute of Virology, Pune, which is under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has drawn up a collaborative study with Pasteur Institute, Paris, for production of Human monoclonal rabies antibodies.

New Housing Policy for Government Employees

6129. SHRI P.C.THOMAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare a new housing policy for Central Government Employees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, to promote greater access to housing for Central Government Employees of different categories, an organisation, namely, Central Government Employees Welfare Housing Organisation, has been set up by this Ministry. The Organisation is responsible for undertaking construction of Houses at no-profit-no-loss basis for the Central Government Employees Serving and/or retired, and for souses of the deceased Central Government Employees.

[*Translation*]

Education to Children of Agricultural Labour

6130. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such children of agricultural labourers as are of school age in the country, State-wise;

(b) the ratio of the school going children among them;

(c) whether any time bound programme has been chalked out by the Government to impart education to these children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). Data is

not available about children of school age or school going children on the basis of occupational categories.

(c) A scheme of Non-formal Education is being implemented as Centrally sponsored scheme to provide education to children mainly school dropouts, girls and working children who cannot attend regular school for one reason or the other in the 10 educationally backward States of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Arunachal Pradesh. It also covers slums, hilly desert and tribal areas and areas of concentration of working children in all other States/UTs.

(d) Under the Non-formal Education Scheme part-time education is provided in Centres run for about 2 Hours duration daily, enrolling 20-25 learners per Centre. The Centres are run at a time and place convenient to the learners. The objective of the Non-formal Scheme is to impart education of quality comparable to that of regular primary school in a two-year period.

[English]

Amendment to Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants Act, 1971

6131. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Public Premises (Eviction) Unauthorised Occupants Act 1971 to make a provision that the Courts of law may not grant stay orders to such unauthorised persons in Government Houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Such restriction on the powers of the Courts will not be in the larger interest of justice.

Loss of Animals in Kaziranga National Park

6132. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wild animals belonging to different species died, killed or lost due to floods and by poachers in Kaziranga National Park of Assam during the last three years;

(b) the number of poachers convicted so far;

(c) the assistance given by the Union Government to State Government for maintenance of the said National Park during the last three years;

(d) the amount paid as compensation to the victims in and around Kaziranga either due to loss of life or property because of attack by wild animals during last three years; year-wise; and

(e) the action plan to protect the animals of said National park from flood and poachers?